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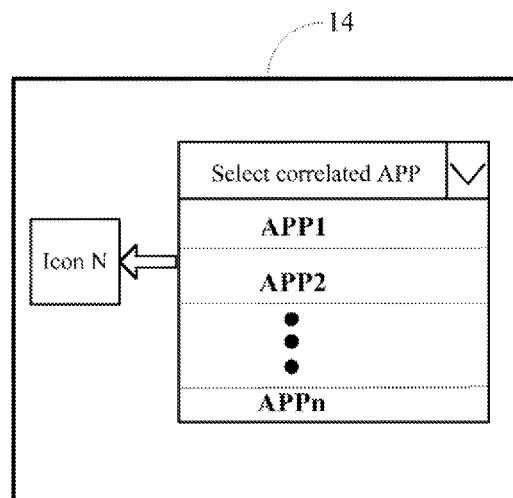
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A first electronic device having a first operating menu communicates with a second electronic device having a second operating menu. The second operated menu is obtained by the first electronic device from the second electronic device and is stored in the first electronic device. Each operating options of the second operating menu is correlated with one of applications of the first electronic devices. When an operating option of the second operation menu stored in the first electronic device is operated, a corresponding application of the first electronic device correlated with the operated option is activated.

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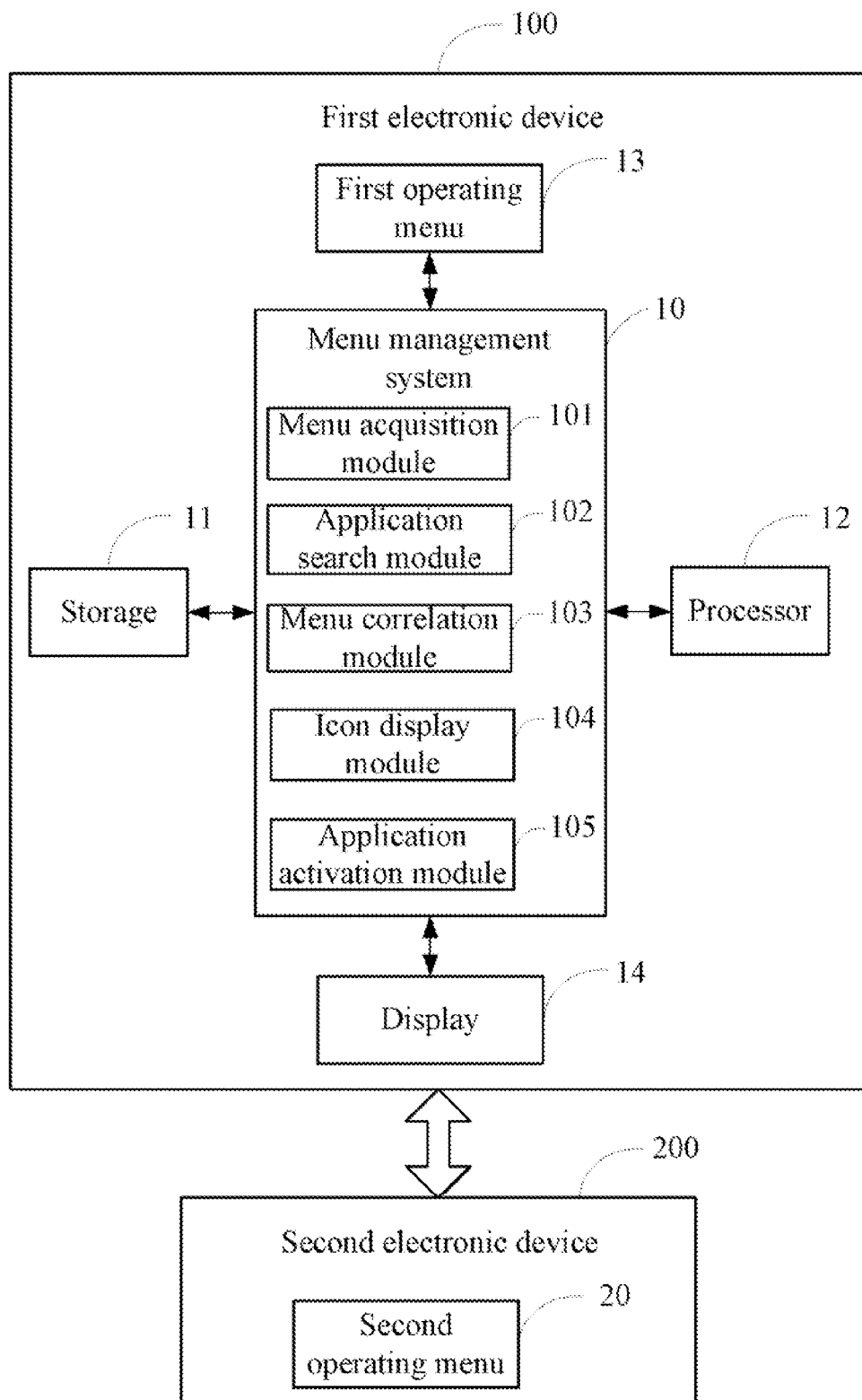
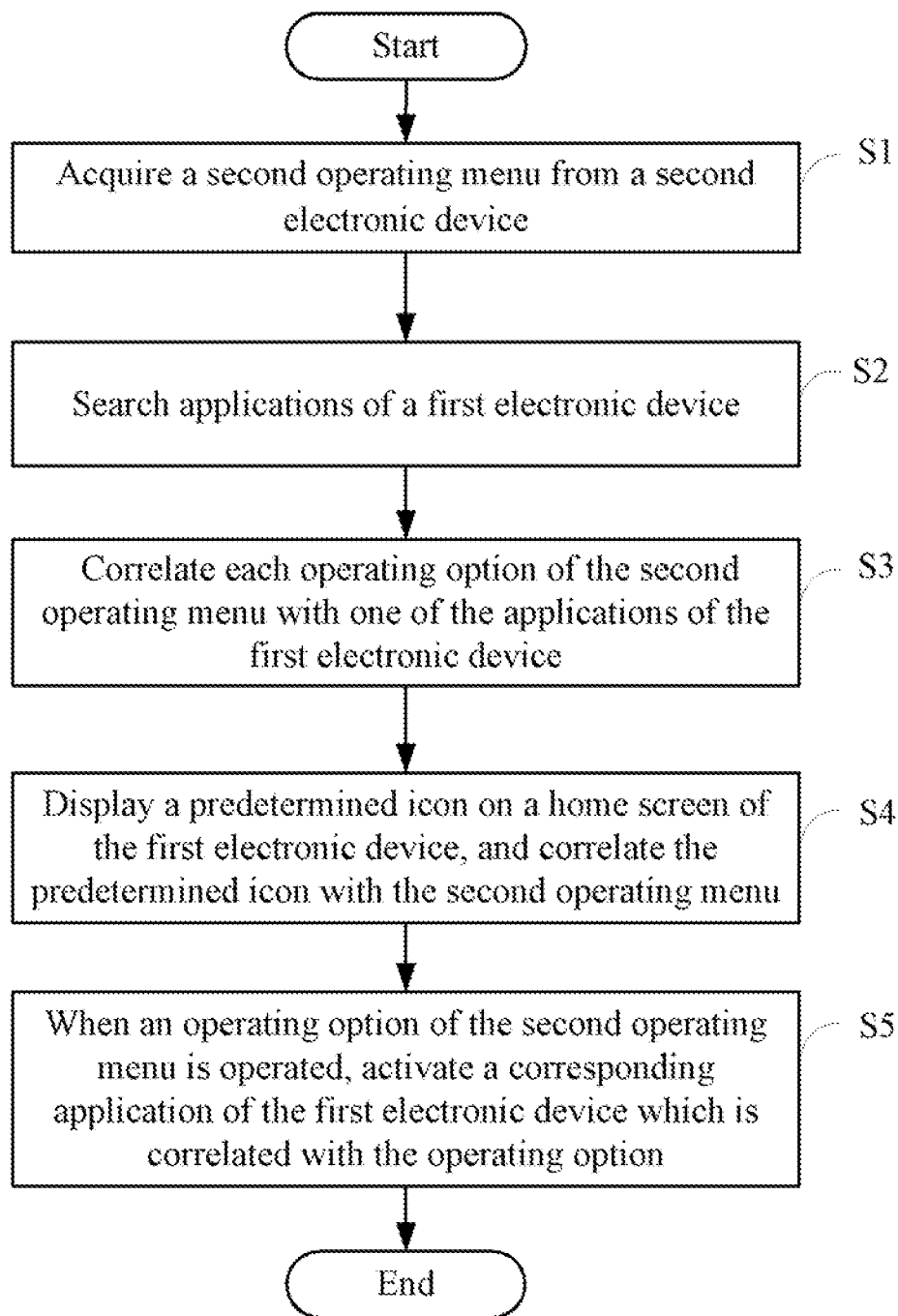


FIG. 1

**FIG. 2**

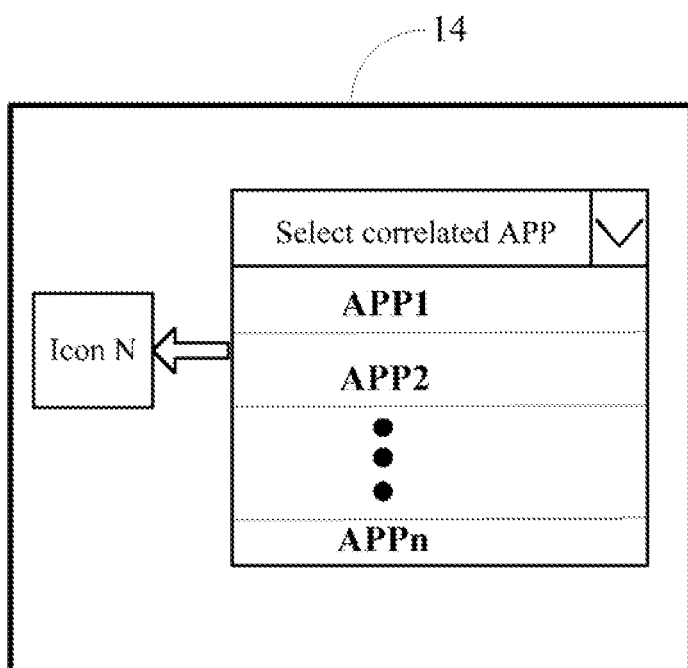


FIG. 3

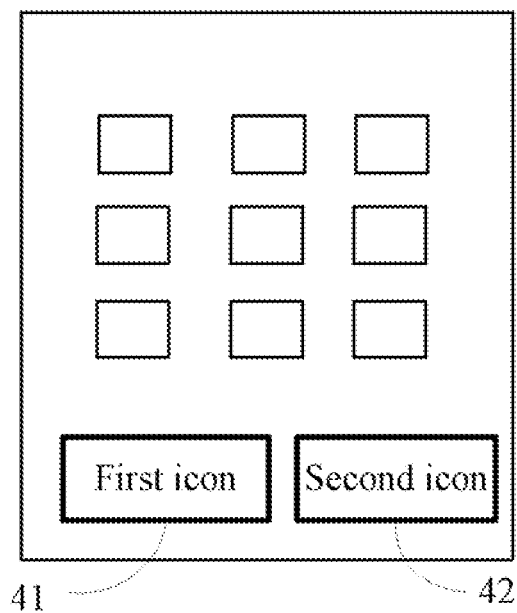


FIG. 4

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MENU MANAGEMENT METHOD AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE HAVING MENU MANAGEMENT FUNCTION

BACKGROUND

1. Technical Field

Embodiments of the present disclosure relate to electronic devices, and particularly to a menu management method and an electronic device having a menu management function.

2. Description of Related Art

Different electronic devices, such as mobiles phones and tablet computers, may have different operating menus. When a user uses a new electronic device, he/she may need to spend a lot of time to adapt and learn how to operate a menu of the new electronic device, which is inconvenient. Therefore, there is room for improvement in the art.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a first electronic device communicating with a second electronic device.

FIG. 2 is a flowchart of one embodiment of a menu management method of the first electronic device of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 shows a schematic view of a user interface of the first electronic device of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 shows a schematic view of a home screen of the first electronic device of FIG. 1.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The disclosure, including the accompanying drawings, is illustrated by way of example and not by way of limitation. It should be noted that references to “an” or “one” embodiment in this disclosure are not necessarily to the same embodiment, and such references mean “at least one”.

FIG. 1 is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a first electronic device **100** communicating with a second electronic device **200**. The first electronic device **100** includes a menu management system **10**, a storage **11**, a processor **12**, a first operating menu **13**, and a display **14**. The second electronic device **200** includes a second operating menu **20**. Each of the first and second operating menus **13**, **20** includes a plurality of operating options (e.g., application icons). In this embodiment, the first electronic device **100** can communicate with the second electronic device **200** via a wired connection (e.g., a data cable) or a wireless connection (e.g., BLUETOOTH® or WIFI®). Both the first and second electronic devices **100**, **200** may be a smart phone, a tablet computer, a mobile Internet device (MID), for example. FIG. 1 shows one example of the first and second electronic devices **100** and **200**, and they can include more or fewer components than those shown in the embodiment, or have a different configuration of the components.

The menu management system **10** copies functions of the second operating menu **20** from the second electronic device **200** to the first electronic device **100**, to allow the first electronic device **100** to be controlled by the second operating menu **20**. The menu management system **10** may include a plurality of programs in the form of one or more computerized instructions stored in the storage **11** and executed by the processor **12** to perform operations of the electronic device **200**. In the embodiment, the menu management system **10** includes a menu acquisition module **101**, an application search module **102**, a menu correlation mod-

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ule **103**, an icon display module **104**, and an application activation module **105**. The storage **11** may be an external or embedded storage medium of the first electronic device **100**, which may be, for example, a secure digital memory (SD) card, a Trans Flash (TF) card, a compact flash (CF) card, or a smart media (SM) card.

In general, the word “module”, as used herein, refers to logic embodied in hardware or firmware, or to a collection of software instructions, written in a programming language, such as, Java, C, or assembly. One or more software instructions in the modules may be embedded in firmware, such as in an erasable programmable read only memory (EPROM). The modules described herein may be implemented as either software and/or hardware modules and may be stored in any type of non-transitory computer-readable medium or other storage devices. Some non-limiting examples of non-transitory computer-readable medium include CDs, DVDs, BLU-RAY, flash memory, and hard disk drives.

FIG. 2 shows a flowchart of one embodiment of a menu management method using the functional modules of the menu management system **10** of FIG. 1. Depending on the embodiment, additional steps may be added, others removed, and the ordering of the steps may be changed.

In step S1, the menu acquisition module **101** acquires the second operating menu **20** from the second electronic device **200**.

In this embodiment, the menu acquisition module **101** sends a request message to the second electronic device **200** to request to acquire the second operating menu **20**. Then, when the second electronic device **200** receives the request message and agrees with the request, the menu acquisition module **101** automatically acquires the second operating menu **20** from a directory of the second electronic device **200** where the second operating menu **20** is stored. The acquired second operating menu **20** is stored in the storage **11** of the first electronic device **100**.

In step S2, the application search module **102** searches applications of the first electronic device **100**.

In step S3, the menu correlation module **103** correlates each operating option of the second operating menu **20** with one of the applications of the first electronic device **100**.

In this embodiment, the menu correlation module **103** compares a name of each operating option of the second operating menu **20** with a name of each of the applications of the first electronic device **100**. When an operating option of the second operating menu **20** having a name that is the same as or similar to a name of an application of the first electronic device **100**, the operating option is correlated with the application of the first electronic device **100**. When a particular operating option (e.g., “Icon N” of FIG. 3) having a name that is not the same as or not similar to a name of any of the applications of the first electronic device **100**, the menu correlation module **103** generates a notification to notify a user to select one of the applications of the first electronic device **100**, and correlates a selected application with the particular operating option.

FIG. 3 shows that the notification may be a user interface displayed on the display **14** of the first electronic device **100**, the user interface displays a list of the applications (e.g., APP1, APP2, . . . , APPn) of the first electronic device **100**, so as to notify the user to select an application from the list.

In addition, if all of the applications of the first electronic device **100** are not appropriate to correlate with the particular operating option, the particular operating option can be manually deleted from the second operating menu **20** that is stored in the storage **11** of first electronic device **100**. In other embodiments, the menu correlation module **103** may

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download an application corresponding to the particular operating option via a network, and then correlates the downloaded application with the particular operating option.

In step S4, the icon display module 104 displays a predetermined icon (e.g., a first icon 41 of FIG. 4) on a home screen of the first electronic device 100, and correlates the predetermined icon with the second operating menu 20 stored in the storage 11. When the predetermined icon is operated (e.g., touched or clicked), the second operating menu 20 stored in the storage 11 is displayed on the display 14. In other embodiment, the home screen of the first electronic device 100 further comprises a main icon (e.g., a second icon 42 of FIG. 4) correlated with the first operating menu 13 of the first electronic device 100. When the main icon is operated, the first operating menu 13 is displayed on the display 14.

In step S5, when an operating option of the second operating menu 20 is operated, the application activation module 105 activates a corresponding application of the first electronic device 100 which is correlated with the operating option.

Although certain embodiments of the present disclosure have been specifically described, the present disclosure is not to be construed as being limited thereto. Various changes or modifications may be made to the present disclosure without departing from the scope and spirit of the present disclosure.

What is claimed is:

1. A computerized menu management method implemented by a first electronic device having a first operating menu, the first electronic device communicating with a second electronic device having a second operating menu, the method comprising:

acquiring the second operating menu from the second electronic device and storing the second operating menu in a storage of the first electronic device; searching applications of the first electronic device; correlating each operating option of the second operating menu with one of the applications of the first electronic device; and activating a corresponding application of the first electronic device correlated with an operating option of the second operating menu stored in the storage, when the operating option is operated; wherein the method further comprise: displaying a predetermined icon on a home screen of the first electronic device; correlating the predetermined icon with the second operating menu stored in the storage; and displaying the second operating menu stored in the storage on a display of the first electronic device, when the predetermined icon is operated.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of acquiring the second operating menu from the second electronic device comprises:

sending a request message to the second electronic device to request to acquire the second operating menu; and acquiring the second operating menu from a directory of the second electronic device where the second operating menu is stored, when the second electronic device receives the request message and agrees with the request.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of correlating each operating option of the second operating menu with one of the applications of the first electronic device comprises:

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comparing a name of each operating option of the second operating menu with a name of each of the applications of the first electronic device; and

in response to an operating option of the second operating menu having a name that is the same as or similar to a name of an application of the first electronic device, correlating the operating option with the application of the first electronic device.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the step of correlating each operating option of the second operating menu with one of the applications of the first electronic device further comprises:

generating a notification to notify a user to select one of the applications of the first electronic device, when a particular operating option of the second operating menu having a name that is not the same as or not similar to a name of any of the applications of the first electronic device; and correlating a selected application with the particular operating option.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein the notification is a user interface displayed on a display of the first electronic device, and the user interface displays a list of the applications of the first electronic device.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the home screen of the first electronic device further comprises a main icon correlated with the first operating menu of the first electronic device, and the first operating menu is displayed on the display when the main icon is operated.

7. A first electronic device having a first operating menu and communicating with a second electronic device having a second operating menu, comprising:

a storage; a display; a processor; and one or more programs executed by the processor to perform a method of: acquiring the second operating menu from the second electronic device and storing the second operating menu in the storage; searching applications of the first electronic device; correlating each operating option of the second operating menu with one of the applications of the first electronic device; activating a corresponding application of the first electronic device correlated with an operating option of the second operating menu stored in the storage, when the operating option is operated; displaying a predetermined icon on a home screen of the first electronic device; correlating the predetermined icon with the second operating menu stored in the storage; and displaying the second operating menu stored in the storage on the display of the first electronic device, when the predetermined icon is operated.

8. The first electronic device according to claim 7, wherein the step of acquiring the second operating menu from the second electronic device comprises:

sending a request message to the second electronic device to request to acquire the second operating menu; and acquiring the second operating menu from a directory of the second electronic device where the second operating menu is stored, when the second electronic device receives the request message and agrees with the request.

9. The first electronic device according to claim 7, wherein the step of correlating each operating option of the

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second operating menu with one of the applications of the first electronic device comprises:

comparing a name of each operating option of the second operating menu with a name of each of the applications of the first electronic device; and

in response to an operating option of the second operating menu having a name that is the same as or similar to a name of an application of the first electronic device, correlating the operating option with the application of the first electronic device.

10. The first electronic device according to claim 9, wherein the step of correlating each operating option of the second operating menu with one of the applications of the first electronic device further comprises:

generating a notification to notify a user to select one of the applications of the first electronic device, when a particular operating option of the second operating

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menu having a name that is not the same as or not similar to a name of any of the applications of the first electronic device; and

correlating a selected application with the particular operating option.

11. The first electronic device according to claim 10, wherein the notification is a user interface displayed on the display of the first electronic device, and the user interface displays a list of the applications of the first electronic device.

12. The first electronic device according to claim 7, wherein the home screen of the first electronic device further comprises a main icon correlated with the first operating menu of the first electronic device, and the first operating menu is displayed on the display when the main icon is operated.

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